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Half a million immigrants could eventually get U.S. citizenship under a sweeping new plan from Biden

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden ordered an expansive election-year step Tuesday to offer potential citizenship to hundreds of thousands of immigrants without legal status in the U.S., aiming to balance his recent aggressive crackdown on the southern border that enraged advocates and many Democratic lawmakers. The president announced that his administration will, in the coming months, allow certain U.S. citizens' spouses without legal status to apply for permanent residency and eventually citizenship without having to first depart the country. The move could affect upwards of half a million immigrants, according to senior administration officials.



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Javier Quiroz Castro smiles after introducing President Joe Biden at an event marking the 12th anniversary of the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals program, in the East Room of the White House, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in Washington.

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"The Statue of Liberty is not some relic of American history. It still stands for who we are," Biden said from a crowded East Room at the White House, filled with advocates, congressional Democrats and immigrants who would be eligible for the program. "But I also refuse to believe that for us to continue to be America that embraces immigration, we have to give up securing our border. They're false choices."

Democrat Biden's action, which amounts to the most expansive federal protection for immigrants in over a decade, sets up a significant political contrast with presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump, whose hardline stance on mass deportations includes rhetoric casting migrants as dangerous criminals "poisoning the blood" of America. On Tuesday, Biden accused "my predecessor" of preying on fears about immigrants as he chastised Trump administration moves, such as a zero-tolerance policy at the southern border that led to the separation of families. But Trump has leaned into his own policies as Biden has faced disapproval of his handling of immigration throughout his presidency, and on Tuesday, Trump's campaign accused the incumbent president of creating "another invitation for illegal immigration."

"Biden only cares about one thing — power — and that's why he is giving mass amnesty and citizenship to hundreds of thousands of illegals who he knows will ultimately vote for him and the Open Border Democrat Party," Trump campaign spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt said.

To qualify for Biden's actions, an immigrant must have lived



President Joe Biden turns to the others on the dais after speaking during an event marking the 12th anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

in the United States for 10 years and be married to a U.S. citizen, both as of Monday. If a qualifying immigrant's application is approved, he or she would have three years to apply for a green card and receive a temporary work permit and be shielded from deportation in the meantime. About 50,000 noncitizen children with parents who are married to U.S. citizen could also potentially qualify for the process, according to senior administration officials who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity. There is no requirement on how long the couple must have been married, but no one becomes eligible after Monday. That means immigrants who reach that 10-year mark after Monday will not qualify for the program, according to the officials.

Senior administration officials said they anticipate the process will be open for applications by the end of the summer. Fees to apply

have yet to be determined. Biden formally unveiled his plans at a Tuesday event at the White House, which also marked the 12th anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, a popular Obama-era directive that offered deportation protections and temporary work permits for young immigrants who lack legal status. The announcement was welcome news to families with mixed immigration status, such as Antonio and Brenda Valle in Los Angeles. They have been married for nearly 12 years and have two sons who are U.S. citizens, but they have lived with the worry every two years that Brenda Valle's status as a DACA recipient will not be renewed.

"We can start planning more long-term, for the future, instead of what we can do for the next two years," she said. Foday Turay was among those invited to the White House Tuesday for the announcement. He came to the U.S.

when he was 10 years old from Sierra Leone, and is now a father to a young son and married to a third-generation U.S. citizen. Although he's enrolled in DACA and working as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, his status doesn't provide relief from the constant worry of deportation. "My wife is tremendously impacted by this," Turay said on Tuesday before the ceremony. "You know, every day she talks to me about what's going to happen. What if I get deported? You know, how are we going to raise our son? What country are we going to raise him?" Biden's announcement could "change the trajectory" of his family, Turay said.

Republicans were making their own sharp contrasts with Biden's plan. In a likely preview of GOP campaign ads, Rep. Richard Hudson, chair of House Republicans' campaign arm, called the Biden policy a "mass amnesty plan." Other Republicans, such

as Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, anticipated that this latest directive would be struck down by the courts.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., has in the past advocated for a pathway to citizenship for those without legal status in the U.S., but on Tuesday, he said Biden's policy "is making every problem worse."

Tuesday's announcement came two weeks after Biden unveiled a sweeping crackdown at the U.S.-Mexico border that effectively halted asylum claims for those arriving between officially designated ports of entry. Immigrant-rights groups have sued the Biden administration over that directive, which a senior administration official said Monday had led to fewer border encounters between ports.

Biden's allies believe that the approach he is taking with his twin actions on immigration this month will resonate with voters.

"The only party that is being serious about border security is the Democrats. The only party that's being thoughtful and compassionate about what to do with people who are living in the shadows are the Democrats," said Sen. Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat who helped author a bipartisan border bill earlier this year.

"The Republican Party has decided to take a walk on border security."

Because the shadow of a second Trump administration looms over Biden's new policy, Tuesday's actions will set off a months-long sprint by Latino organizations to get as many people to apply for the program as possible. Trump could dissolve the program if he is reelected, but immigrants who are granted the parole status would still be protected. □

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U.S. acknowledges Northwest dams have devastated the region's Native tribes

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The U.S. government on Tuesday acknowledged for the first time the harms that the construction and operation of dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers in the Pacific Northwest have caused Native American tribes.

It issued a report that details how the unprecedented structures devastated salmon runs, inundated villages and burial grounds, and continue to severely curtail the tribes' ability to exercise their treaty fishing rights.

The Biden administration's report comes amid a \$1 billion effort announced earlier this year to restore the region's salmon runs before more become extinct and to better partner with the tribes on the actions necessary to make that happen. That includes increasing the production and storage of renewable energy to replace hydropower generation that would be lost if four dams on the lower Snake River are ever breached.

"President Biden recognizes that to confront injustice, we must be honest about history even when doing so is difficult," Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory said in a written statement. "In the Pacific Northwest, an open and candid conversation about the history and legacy of the federal government's management of the Columbia River is long overdue."

The document was a requirement of an agreement last year to halt decades of legal fights over the operation of the dams. It lays out how government and private interests in early 20th century began walling off the tributaries of the Columbia River, the largest in the Northwest, to provide water for irrigation or flood control, compounding the damage that was already being caused to water quality and salmon runs by



Water spills over the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River, which runs along the Washington and Oregon state line, on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

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mining, logging and salmon cannery operations.

Tribal representatives said they were gratified with the administration's formal, if long-belated, acknowledgement of how the U.S. government for generations ignored the tribe's concerns about how the dams would affect them, and they were pleased with its steps toward undoing those harms.

"This administration has moved forward with aggressive action to rebalance some of the transfer of wealth," said Tom Iverson, regional coordinator for Yakama Nation Fisheries.

"The salmon were the wealth of the river. What we've seen is the transfer of the wealth to farmers, to loggers, to hydropower systems, to the detriment of the tribes."

The construction of the first dams on the main Columbia River, including the Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams in the 1930s, provided jobs to a country grappling with the Great Depression as well as hydropower and navigation. But it came over the objections of tribes concerned about the loss of salmon, traditional hunting and fishing sites, and even villages and burial grounds.

As early as the late 1930s, tribes were warning that the salmon runs could disappear, with the fish no lon-

ger able to access spawning grounds upstream. The

tribes the Yakama Nation, Spokane Tribe, confeder-

ated tribes of the Colville and Umatilla reservations, Nez Perce, and others continued to fight the construction and operation of the dams for generations.

"As the full system of dams and reservoirs was being developed, Tribes and other interests protested and sounded the alarm on the deleterious effects the dams would have on salmon and aquatic species, which the government, at times, acknowledged," the report said.

"However, the government afforded little, if any, consideration to the devastation the dams would bring to Tribal communities, including to their cultures, sacred sites, economies, and homes." □

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California governor wants to restrict smartphone usage in schools

By **SOPHIE AUSTIN**
Associated Press/Report for America

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Tuesday that he wants to restrict students' usage of smartphones during the school day, citing the mental health risks of social media. The announcement, which was first reported by Politico, comes a day after U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called on Congress to require warning labels on social media platforms and their effects on young people. Newsom said he plans to build on a law he signed in 2019 that authorized school districts to limit or ban the use of smartphones by students while at school or under the supervision of a school employee.

"As the Surgeon General affirmed, social media is harming the mental health of our youth," the Democratic governor said in a statement. "I look forward to working with the Legislature to restrict the use of smartphones during the school day. When children and



California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at a rally June 7, 2024, in San Francisco.

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teens are in school, they should be focused on their studies not their screens." Newsom's office did not provide further details on the proposal. But the California School Boards Association said any regulations over student smartphone use should be left up to school districts, not the state. "We support legislation

which empowers school leaders to make policy decisions at a local level that reflect their community's concerns and what's necessary to support their students," spokesperson Troy Flint said.

Newsom's announcement comes amid growing debate across the country over how to address the im-

pacts of social media and smartphone usage, particularly on young people. Some teens have pledged to stay off social media to improve their mental health and to help them focus on schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

In Florida, Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis earlier this year signed one of the most re-

strictive bans in the nation on children's use of social media. The New York state Legislature passed a bill earlier this month that would allow parents to block their kids from getting social media posts suggested to them by the platform's algorithm. In California, a proposal to fine social media platforms for addicting children has failed to become law in recent years.

But a bill by state Sen. Nancy Skinner, a Democrat representing Berkeley, that would ban online platforms from providing addictive feeds to minors passed the state Senate in May and is set for a committee hearing in the Assembly next month.

The Los Angeles Unified School District board voted Tuesday for the district to develop policies banning students' use of cell phones throughout the school day, with some exceptions. Board Member Nick Melvoin, who was a teacher and visits school campuses regularly, said he's been "struck" by how "students are glued to their cell phones, not unlike adults." □

24 people charged in money laundering scheme involving Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, prosecutors say

By **JAIMIE DING**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A five-year investigation by U.S. officials has uncovered a complex partnership between one of Mexico's most notorious drug cartels and Chinese underground banking groups in the U.S. that laundered money from the sale of fentanyl, cocaine and other drugs, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

Associates of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel conspired with the Chinese groups to cover up more than \$50 million in drug profits, much of which was processed in the Los Angeles area, the prosecutors said in a news release.

Two dozen people have been charged. Chinese and Mexican law enforcement helped arrest fugitives who fled the United States after they were ini-

tially charged last year.

"This investigation shows that the Sinaloa Cartel has entered into a new criminal partnership with Chinese nationals who launder money for the cartels," Drug Enforcement Administration official Anne Milgram said at a news con-

ference.

The lead defendant is Edgar Joel Martinez-Reyes, 45, of East Los Angeles, who prosecutors said had managed couriers who picked up drug cash in the Los Angeles area. Martinez-Reyes partnered with the leader of the Chinese money laun-

derers, and traveled with him to Mexico to negotiate contracts with the cartel, authorities said.

Martinez-Reyes' attorney did not respond to an email and call for comment.

Prosecutors said the scheme relied on the huge demand for U.S. currency from wealthy Chinese nationals, who are prohibited by their government's capital flight restrictions from transferring more than \$50,000 per year out of China, according to prosecutors.

According to the authorities, a person in China would move money into the seller's Chinese bank account and receive the dollar equivalent in the U.S. for use in purchasing real estate, luxury items, and paying tuition. They said cryptocurrency transactions were also used to move the drug money,

adding the funds in China are used to buy goods such as clothing and chemicals for making fentanyl and methamphetamine that are then sent to the drug cartels in Mexico.

These Chinese money brokers charge a much smaller percentage commission than traditional money launderers and are overall cheaper than previous methods of moving money, like smuggling truckloads of cash across the U.S.-Mexico border or going through banks and businesses, according to the officials.

"When I talk about a cycle of destruction, the drugs being sold here in the United States are then being used to fund precursor chemicals which will be used to make even more drugs that are sent into our country," said U.S. Attorney Martin Estrada. □



This undated photo provided by the U.S. District Attorney shows confiscated drugs piled up in a truck bed.

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Israel's Netanyahu blames U.S. President Biden for withholding weapons

By **JULIA FRANKEL and DREW CALLISTER**
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday claimed the United States is withholding weapons and implied this was slowing Israel's offensive in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, where fighting has exacerbated the already dire humanitarian situation for Palestinians.

President Joe Biden has delayed delivering certain heavy bombs since May over concerns about Israel's killing of civilians in Gaza. Yet the administration has gone to lengths to avoid any suggestion that Israeli forces have crossed a red line in the deepening Rafah invasion, which would trigger a more sweeping ban on arms transfers.

Netanyahu, in a short video, spoke directly to the camera in English as he lobbed sharp criticisms at Biden over "bottlenecks" in arms transfers.

"It's inconceivable that in the past few months, the administration has been withholding weapons and ammunitions to Israel," Netanyahu said, adding, "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job a lot faster."

Netanyahu also claimed U.S. Secretary of State Ant-



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during a ceremony at the Nahalat Yitzhak Cemetery in Tel Aviv, Israel, Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

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ony Blinken, in a recent visit to Israel, said he was working around the clock to end the delays.

However, Blinken said Tuesday the only pause was related to those heavy bombs from May.

"We, as you know, are continuing to review one shipment that President Biden has talked about with regard to 2,000-pound bombs because of our concerns about their use in a densely populated area like Rafah," Blinken said during a State Department news conference. "That re-

mains under review. But everything else is moving as it normally would."

Netanyahu didn't elaborate on what weapons were being held back, and the Israeli military declined to respond to a request for comment. Ophir Falk, a foreign policy adviser to Netanyahu, deferred questions on details to the U.S. government.

Responding to Netanyahu's claim Tuesday, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said, "We generally do not know what he's talking about.

We just don't."

She added that the U.S. is having "constructive discussions" with Israel about the paused shipment of heavy bombs and that it's the only transfer being delayed.

Two top Democrats in Congress cleared the way this week for a \$15 billion U.S. sale of F-15s to Israel to move forward, after a delay while one lawmaker sought answers from the Biden administration on Israel's current use of U.S. weapons in the war in Gaza.

With Israel's war against

Hamas now in its ninth month, international criticism is growing over U.S. military and diplomatic support for the Israel's campaign of systematic destruction in Gaza, at a huge cost in civilian lives.

The top United Nations court has concluded there is a "plausible risk of genocide" in Gaza a charge Israel strongly denies. Israel blames civilian deaths on Hamas, saying militants operate among the population.

Both Netanyahu and Biden are balancing their own domestic political problems against the explosive Mideast situation, and the embattled Israeli leader has grown increasingly resistant to Biden's public charm offensives and private pleading.

Experts say Netanyahu's message delivered only in English is likely meant to shore up U.S. arms support and doesn't appear to indicate on-the-ground shortages.

"I'm not worried," said Itamar Yaar, a former deputy head of Israel's National Security Council who leads of a group of former senior security officials.

He thinks Netanyahu wants "to make it difficult for the Biden administration to delay arms supply in the future." □

Ukraine claims its drones hit a Russian oil facility, sparking a huge blaze

By **HANNA ARHIROVA**
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine claimed responsibility Tuesday for an overnight drone attack on a Russian oil facility that started a massive blaze in the latest long-range strike by Kyiv's forces on a border region.

Ukraine has in recent months stepped up aerial assaults on Russian soil, targeting refineries and oil terminals in an effort to slow down the Kremlin's war machine. Moscow's army is pressing hard along the

front line in eastern Ukraine, where a shortage of troops and ammunition in the third year of war has made defenders vulnerable.

The attack set fire to an oil reservoir in Russia's Rostov region and more than 200 firefighters were at the scene, according to Rostov Gov. Vasily Golubev.

The blaze covered an area of 5,000 square meters (55,000 square feet) but there were no casualties, Russia's Emergencies Ministry said.

A Ukrainian official, speaking on condition of ano-

nymity because he was not authorized to give the information to the media, said the attack was a special operation of Ukraine's Security Service, known as SBU. The drones targeted two Rostov oil depots that have 22 oil reservoirs, the official said.

It was not possible to independently confirm the claim. Kyiv officials normally decline comment about attacks on Russian territory, though they sometimes refer obliquely to them.

Ukrainian drone developers have been extending



In this photo taken from video released by Russian Emergency Ministry Press Service on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, firefighters work at the site of an oil reservoir in Azov district of Rostov-on-Don region of Russia.

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the weapons' range for months, as Kyiv attempts to compensate for its battlefield disadvantage. The unmanned aerial vehi-

cles are also an affordable option while Ukraine waits for the arrival of more Western military aid. □

Dutch leader Mark Rutte clears a big hurdle to becoming NATO chief after Hungary lifts objections

By LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Hungary on Tuesday lifted its veto on Mark Rutte becoming the next head of NATO after the outgoing Dutch prime minister gave written guarantees that he would not force the country to take part in the military alliance's new plans to provide support to Ukraine. Rutte's assurances, contained in a letter to Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, remove a major obstacle to him becoming the next NATO secretary-general the organization's top civilian official. It could also allow NATO to put on a major show of unity and demonstrate solidarity with war-ravaged Ukraine when U.S. President Joe Biden and his counterparts meet in Washington on July 9-11. The summit is to mark NATO's 75th anniversary. At talks in Budapest last week, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who is due to step down in October, clinched a deal with Orbán to ensure that Hungary would not block NATO's plans for Ukraine. Stoltenberg accepted that Hungary should not be obligated to provide personnel or funds for the collective



Netherlands' Prime Minister Mark Rutte addresses the media at the end of an EU summit in Brussels, early Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

effort, but Orbán wanted to hear it from Rutte too. NATO takes all of its decisions by consensus, giving any of the 32 member countries an effective veto, including on whether they should take part in any joint effort or operation. Taking to social media, Orbán said it was important for Hungary to establish "that this agreement can stand the test of time." He posted Rutte's letter, dated June 18,

a day after the two men had met in Brussels on the sidelines of a European Union summit. Rutte wrote that "in a possible future capacity as NATO Secretary General I will fully support this outcome of the talks between Jens Stoltenberg and you." It was enough for Orbán. "PM Mark Rutte confirmed that he fully supports this deal and will continue to do so, should he become the next Secretary General of NATO. In light of

his pledge, Hungary is ready to support PM Rutte's bid for NATO Secretary-General," he posted on X. Budapest had also complained about unidentified remarks that Rutte had made about the Hungarian government three years ago and demanded an apology. Rutte wrote that he "took note" that his past remarks "caused dissatisfaction in Hungary. My priority in a possible future capacity as

NATO Secretary General will be to maintain unity and treat all Allies with the same level of understanding and respect." NATO secretaries-general are responsible for chairing meetings and guiding sometimes delicate consultations among member countries to ensure that an organization that operates on consensus can continue to function.

Rutte is far and away the preferred candidate of the majority of NATO allies, including big members like the United States and Germany. Earlier this year, Turkey voiced opposition to Rutte's bid but lifted its objections in April. The last hurdle remains the candidature of Romanian President Klaus Iohannis, who is nearing the end of his second five-year term as head of state, but officials and analysts believe it will not pose a major problem. Stoltenberg is seen as a steady hand at NATO's helm for a decade and his mandate has been extended several times. Biden and his NATO counterparts had been due to name a successor when they met in Lithuania in July 2023, but no consensus could be found about a replacement. □

South Korean soldiers fire warning shots after North Korean troops cross border, apparently in error

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean troops fired warning shots to repel

North Korean soldiers who briefly crossed the rivals' heavily fortified land border Tuesday for the second time this month, the South's

military said. Both incursions were believed to be unintentional. Around 20 to 30 North Korean soldiers who were doing construction work crossed the military demarcation line that serves as the border between the two countries in the Demilitarized Zone, according to South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff. The soldiers retreated after the South broadcasted warnings and fired warning shots, and the South's military didn't spot any suspicious activity after that, the joint chiefs said.

The border area is dense with overgrown trees and plants, and the North Korean soldiers may have not known exactly where the

border was, according to the South's military, which said it doesn't believe the soldiers deliberately crossed into the South. The North did not return fire. The intrusion comes as tensions rise between the rivals, who in recent weeks have engaged in Cold War-style psychological warfare and made it clear they are no longer bound by their landmark military agreement in 2018 to reduce tensions. Troops from the South also fired warning shots on June 11 after another group of North Korean soldiers briefly crossed the border. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said that Tuesday's incursion occurred in a different area along the central front-line

region.

The Koreans' heavily fortified border area, referred to as the Demilitarized Zone, has occasionally been a site of bloodshed and violent confrontations between the rivals.

The military demarcation line marks the border between the two Koreas within the DMZ, which is 248 kilometers (154 miles) long and 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) wide.

The zone is strewn with an estimated 2 million mines and also guarded by barbed wire fences, tank traps and combat troops on both sides. It's a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. □



In this undated photo provided on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, by South Korea Defense Ministry, North Korean soldiers work at an undisclosed location near the border area, as seen from a South Korean guard area.

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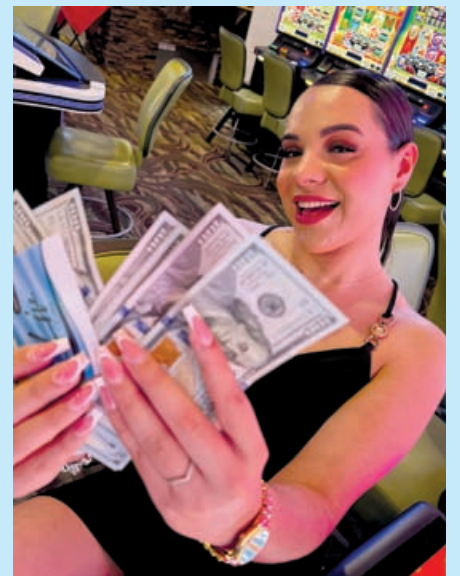
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Among other things, the foundation will focus on increasing the survival chances of species of wild birds by promoting their preservation and conservation. The foundation publishes the most beautiful pictures of local birds on their social media that show us the beauty of Aruba's birds and nature in general. Aruba Today gives you a little peek with the following pictures and descriptions from the foundation's Facebook page.



The Great Egret

Serenity in Aruba's National Park, a Great Egret flying in peace. When it is peaceful and quite, beautiful things start happening in nature.

Canadian in the house

The breeding season is over and it's

getting pretty cold in North America. Shore birds have started moving southwards as early as July. This wetland beauty wants to keep its toes warm. Our Canadian friends know exactly where they can do so best. A Greater Yellowlegs rediscovering Aruba's Bubali Wetlands.



Cabochon

In its living form of so much more value than any gemstone. Aruba's smallest and most master of flight. A top pollinator. A hovering Blenchi inspecting the human who just entered his territory. English: Blue-tailed Emerald (male) Dutch: Blauwstaartsmaragdkolibrie (mannetje). Aruba's to enjoy. Aruba's to protect. □

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The legend of the Kibrahacha tree

(Oranjestad)—The Kibrahacha is a famous tree known locally for its bright, yellow flowers that blooms for just three days. Scientifically known as *Tabebuia billbergii*, and in English as the Yellow Poui, this tree is native to the Caribbean islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, and is considered among locals as one of the most spectacular trees on the island. But did you also know that the beautiful yellow flowers have a story behind them?

The Kibrahacha is said to have extremely hard wood—so hard that it can break an axe. In fact, that's what its name means in Papiamentu: "kibra" (break) "hacha" (axe). The flowers bloom around April and May, but this only last for about three days, as the flowers start to fall off and the tree starts growing its green leaves. The Kibrahacha is especially particular, as it's the only one among its neighboring trees to starts blooming first.

The legend of the Kibrahacha
Written by Hubert (Lio Booi)

One day Aterima, who lived west of the hill Sero Warawara, woke up one day to find her father sleeping in his hammock, suffering a bout of terrible fever. Her mother was very worried, and as was the custom in the olden days, asked Aterima to go fetch Kudawechea, who was a epistemophile, to come see his father.

Aterima wasted no time and went to go fetch

Kudawechea. Upon telling Kudawechea that her father was sick, he immediately accompanied Aretima back to her hut, where he encountered her father in a bad state. Not willing to waste any time, he told Aretima that the only thing that can cure her father is a home-made potion made out of the Kibrahacha flower. At the time the Kibrahacha was not yet in her blooming season, but the stubborn Kudawechea was determined to bring back Aretima's father back to health, and so off they went to the nearest Kibrahacha tree.

When they arrived at the tree, they saw that it was covered head to toe in thorns, with only a few closed flowers at the very top. Kudawechea, experienced veteran in all things Aruban flora and fauna, told Aretima to start plucking the thorns of the tree to climb to the top where the flowers are. Aretima, just as determined to save her father, didn't hesitate to start.

To her surprise, every time she plucked a thorn of the tree, a bright, yellow flower bloomed in its place. The thorns were hard to pluck out, but Aretima continued plucking with enthusiasm and wonder at the unfolding sight before her. Not too long after she was able to fill her entire satchel with the yellow flowers. Kudawechea, satisfied to see Aretima so happy and encouraged to help her father, took her back to her hut.

Upon arriving back at the hut, Aretima's mother quickly made a tea out of the flowers and gave



it to her sick husband. Miraculously, after just one sip of the tea, the father's fever left his body immediately, and he opened eyes and sprung up feeling new.

The next morning, they all visited the same Kibrahacha tree that saved the life of Aretima's father and they saw another miracle. The tree was covered again in the same bright, yellow flowers, with not a thorn in sight. And as the legend goes, from that day on, the Kibrahacha tree no longer produced any more thorns. □

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Salt: an essential and cheap mineral

Episode CCLX - 260

Etnia Nativa is a unique cultural and heritage experience location that enriches this newspaper with its knowledge of authentic island historical traditions, its flora, fauna, and artistic expressions. Through its column, Island Insight, you will definitely discover Aruba from a different perspective. Our island has a very valuable intangible cultural living heritage that includes traditional practices, expressions, and crafty techniques transmitted from generation to generation; spreading these traditions is one of Etnia Nativa's main objectives. In this episode, we will share some history regarding this precious mineral known as salt and its processing in Aruba.

Salt has an essential biological significance necessary for our survival and has a very important role in human health since it is vital for cellular, brain, nervous system, and digestive functions. Due to its importance for human and animal survival, it has been valued throughout history, with evidence of its mining and seawater evaporation production dating back way into the Neolithic era (approximately 6,000 BC).

Solnitsata, a city in Bulgaria, was one of these pre-historic centers in Europe's that had its fundamentals around the winning of salt and accumulated its wealth by supplying the mineral to the entire Balkans. Salt was highly valued by the Greeks, Chinese, and other great civilizations of antiquity. In the Roman era through the middle Ages, salt was a valuable commodity referred to as white gold. The Roman road system also served in the transportation and commerce of salt. It is said that the word "salary" comes from the Latin word for salt, since it was so valuable that Roman Legionnaires were sometimes paid in part with a bag of salt. However, a "salarium" may have also been an allowance paid to Roman soldiers for the purchase of salt; however, both of these claims are not well established and are considered assumptions.

As salt is also one of the oldest methods of food preservation, it was of great value and importance to seafarers who undertook long voyages to the high seas, using it to preserve fish, raw meat, bacon, and also pickled vegetables. When Dutch navigators ap-



proached our region, the West Indies, and the South American continent, upon seeing the large natural purple salt flat of the Araya Peninsula in Venezuela, they immediately turned it into an important salt extraction site. During colonial times, ships annually set sail back to Europe with hundreds of tons of salt. But in 1665, Spanish forces stopped this "flourishing" illicit industry, putting an end to Dutch incursions.

Since the Spanish prevented them from this felonious extraction of their salt, the next goal for the Dutch WIC was the ABC islands: Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao. The salt pyramids of Bonaire today stand for the ancient salt trade of the Caribbean, which has persisted over time and in which our sister island continues to play an important role.

In Aruba, the so-called western wetlands measure 392 hectares and include five salt lagoons, known locally as salinas. Some of them are located between high-rise hotels and residen-

tial areas, constituting an important stopover for hundreds of birds that migrate between the continents of North and South America. During the times of salt exploitation, it was common to see workers working in the collection of the mineral with their bare hands and feet and buried up to their knees in the mud, doing the work of collecting the salt. When the port was expanded in 1949, some of the salt flats of Oranjestad disappeared under the sand.

Other "salinas" were found in Savaneta. It was the custom to let the sea water in during high tide and close up the water inlet to retain the sea water that had to evaporate by the heat of the sun in order to collect the salt that had accumulated on the surface of the muddy soil.

If you are interested in learning the true identity of Aruba, book your visit to Etnia Nativa, home of our chief cultural columnist, who has been a trend setter since 1994, having the honor to participate in the realization of the island's National Park Project and Archaeological Museum. Actually, he continues to share the culture of Aruba, with the main goal of providing valuable knowledge of the island to his visitors.



Etnia Nativa sets itself apart from the rest as a hidden gem by offering a personal native touch and providing the opportunity to enjoy a diverse array of artworks, objects, artifacts, dead dissected animals, plants, colonial furniture, unique old photos, etc. Etnia Nativa is your opportunity to dive to the navel of Aruba!

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A brief history of the California Light House

(Oranjestad)—At the furthest western point of the island, there lies the tallest structure on the island: The California Light House. Standing on top of a limestone cliff, this lighthouse oversees the entire island, offering one of few best views of the island and the surrounding sea. It is also one of the few monuments that hold a rich history.

The lighthouse was constructed in between 1914-1916, and its first keeper was a young trained lighthouse keeper from Curaçao names Jacob Jacobs. Mr. Frederico Fingal was the last man to have occupied this position until 1962. Though his son, Mr. Romulo Fingal did not continue in his father's footsteps, he does have a special connection to the lighthouse. He sat down with our reporter and shared a bit of its history.

As Mr. Fingal explains, "In 1915, cargo donkeys were hired from Figaroa di Noord to help build the Lighthouse at Westpunt. The donkeys had to walk along the beach all the way to Westpunt carrying the cargo, poles, cement, and all these things. At that time, it was a difficult task until Aruba got its first truck. These things reflect how people could have accomplished this tremendous job with so little." Mr. Fingal said, "At that time, it wasn't a place for people to work. It was very challenging because it was full of goats and donkeys, and it was very isolated. There were no hotels or roads to get there. There was only a donkey trail. Those were the only means of transportation."

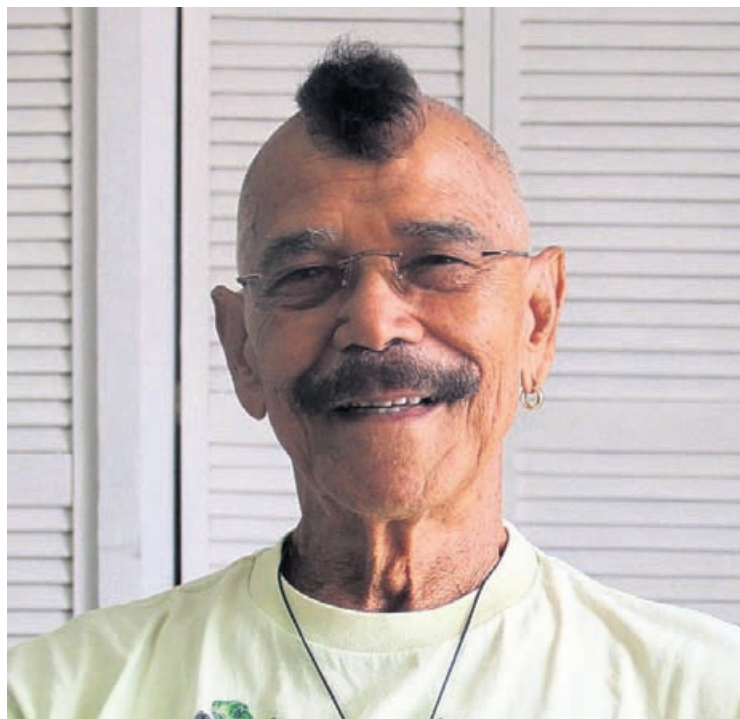
Mr. Fingal continues, "In 1939, I was born in the lighthouse, and my father was the last lighthouse keeper until he retired in 1962. After that, they removed the power cables all the way to the top. According to the story, we couldn't have the light ourselves because they dismantled it, and after many years, I heard that it is in a train museum



in San Nicolas, where we found this very special lens that, when the light shines through it, it reaches 30 kilometers out to sea." Mr. Fingal told our reporter.

The lighthouse has a long and very interesting history. The reason why the lighthouse was built, according to Mr. Fingal, dates back to the day when the cargo ship S.S. California sank because of the lack of light. In 1913, Aruba made a request to Curacao to build

a Lighthouse at Westpunt, and the governor of Curaçao responded to Aruba to come back in 1915 with a well-detailed plan. "During the First World War from 1914 to 1918, they had to wait for the light to be transported to Aruba because it was manufactured in France. At that time, there was no electricity, and the light was very interesting because it rotated with a kerosene lamp that planes used; clean kerosene," Mr. Fingal said.



Mr. Fingal discovered something very interesting about the lighthouse after much research was documented in his book 'History of the Lighthouse at Westpunt.' He found many details: "I found out that the height of the lighthouse was due to the absence of electricity. There was also the presence of coral. There is a long steel cable from where the light is, and under the light, at the highest point, there is a hanging weight, a sort of pendulum that swings like that, with a weight that measures about 1 meter by 30 centimeters wide, which is a block of solid iron attached to a cable. When you release it upwards, it comes down, and the weight that comes down pulls it up, gradually. And while it comes down, the same weight that is descending causes many small wheels to turn in the opposite direction. The Lighthouse rotates from 6 pm in the evening, when the sun sets, until 6 am in the morning. During the entire night, the light shines on the lantern, it goes down 24 meters, and

the Lighthouse is 30 meters high. It is designed not to collapse," Mr. Fingal explains.

Mr. Fingal further explains that in one night, the lighthouse rotates 4,320 times and consumes one gallon of kerosene for the whole operation. "At that time, the kerosene was supplied from the Lago refinery. Every day it was brought down, and to start the light again, they had to lift the weight up, so our job as children was to crank it and raise the weight back up in the evening when the light stuck, they would take it down again, and the light stayed down. That's how it worked for a very long time," Mr. Fingal explains.

Thanks to the Monument Fund Aruba, which worked hard and is currently in charge of the Lighthouse, Mr. Fingal is very happy with its preservation, along with all the renovations that have taken place. He hopes that the story of the lighthouse will continue to live on for future generations. □

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Unexciting segment

5 The Milky Way, e.g. fixture

11 Shortly, in poems

12 Infant outfit

13 Poker game

14 Select on the radio dial

15 Model buy

16 Triangular sails

17 Half of Hispaniola

19 Urgent call

22 Boring

24 Cone fill

26 River to the Severn

27 Greek liqueur

28 Ceases

30 Sacred song

31 Pub pint

32 Suppress

34 Supply with cash

35 Young seal

38 Luau setting

41 Tedious fellow

42 "King of the Trumpet"

43 Radius partner

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1 Chore

2 Opposed to

3 Ski mask feature

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5 "I understand"

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9 Noon, on a clock

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Yesterday's answer

18 Pop's sister

19 Low point, of a sort

20 Seep

21 Location

22 "Very funny!"

23 Track shape

25 Dove calls

29 Use a water pistol

30 Enraged

33 Feet and meters

34 Ump's call

36 Coffee dispensers

37 Summit

38 Pos-sesses

39 Swiss summit

40 Question of identity

41 Future flower

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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONE IS LOVED
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic—but important—information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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McDonald's is ending its test run of AI-powered drive-thrus with IBM



A McDonald's restaurant is seen, Feb. 14, 2018, in Ridgeland, Miss.

Associated Press

By **WYATTE GRANTHAM-PHILIPS**

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ever get your McDonald's order mixed up at an AI-powered drive-thru? The experiment behind the fast food giant's current automated order taker will soon be coming to a close.

McDonald's confirmed Monday that it decided to end a global partnership with IBM, which has been testing this artificial intelligence technology at select McDonald's drive-thrus since 2021.

That doesn't mean you'll never encounter some sort of chatbot while picking up fries on your car ride home again. While the IBM partnership for McDonald's current automated order taker test is winding down, the Chicago-based company suggested that it wasn't ruling out any other potential AI drive-thru plans down the road pointing to "an opportunity to explore voice ordering solutions more broadly." □

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AP Film Writer

Jeff Nichols had dreamt of making a film about a 1960s motorcycle club for over 20 years.

The obsession started when he first cracked open Danny Lyon's book "The Bikeriders," a New Journalism-style account of the Chicago Outlaws Motorcycle Club in the mid-1960s. He saw it as a story about rebels, romantics, frauds and the end of an era.

But he didn't quite realize just how terrifying it would be to film the motorcycles in motion. The bikes were vintage. The actors, including Austin Butler and Tom Hardy, would be riding at high speeds. And there would be no helmets. At some point, one of his stunt coordinators just came out with it: "There is no way to make this 100% safe."

They went for it. The danger was kind of the point. And everyone made it out unscathed.

"The Bikeriders" (racing into theaters nationwide Friday) is a rare summer gem: An original film with stars (including Jodie Comer, Michael Shannon, Norman Reedus and Mike Faist), cool cred, pathos and a clear-eyed wistfulness for a brief moment and a type of guy.

"This is a film that's really about nostalgia," Nichols said. There is a sadness that comes with that. But there's also a joy in



This image released by Focus Features shows Tom Hardy, left, and Austin Butler in a scene from "The Bikeriders." Associated Press

remembering it."

Catching a star on the riseNichols has always had luck with casting, getting movie stars in his films right as they're about to break big (like Jessica Chastain in "Take Shelter").

For "The Bikeriders," it was Butler. "Elvis " had yet to come out, but when he met him, he was certain: This is a movie star.

"I read a lot of scripts and this one just felt different," Butler said. "It felt full of humanity and these cinematic moments...I felt like I was being invited into this other world. And he was one of

the coolest characters I've ever read."

Butler's Benny is also the most enigmatic of the bunch: A guy whose face is never shown in Lyon's book and who is never interviewed just talked about. "I love how Jeff talks about him as being this empty cup that everybody wants to fill with their own expectations and their own responsibilities. He doesn't want any of that," Butler said. "That's when he wants to cut loose and be free."

Nichols wanted Benny to be bottled up until the end and remembered telling his star to "pull it back" a few times.

"Like, stop smiling," Nichols laughed. "When that kid smiles the whole world smiles." But he soon realized that was missing the point of casting someone like Butler an emotive actor with a big heart. "That character got better because of him," Nichols said. A different point of viewOne of Nichols' biggest breakthroughs was when he realized the narrator should be Kathy, who falls for Benny at first sight and gets wrapped up in the club.

"She just pops off the page," Nichols said. "She's witty, she's introspective, she's self-deprecating, she's infuriating at

times. She is a real person." Comer saw in her a fascinating character, an "ordinary" but still extraordinary person that reminded her of women she knew growing up in Liverpool. She worked tirelessly to nail Kathy's very specific working-class Chicago accent.

But on another level, she was just a better voice for what he wanted to say.

"The ultimate truth, and a subtext of the film, is that men are really bad at sharing their emotions," he said. "Observing this group in the hands of a male narrator I think would be really boring."

Fact, fiction and telling a good story"The Bikeriders" is a work of fiction.

Nichols didn't want to be the historian of the Outlaws, a group which still exists. He mostly wanted to capture this time and culture and evoke the feeling he got when he opened that book so many years ago.

But he also draws heavily on Lyon's images, some of which are recreated, and reporting. Much of Kathy's dialogue are things the real Kathy, who was married to Benny, said. Hardy's character Johnny was also apparently inspired by the Marlon Brando film "The Wild One" to start the club. He was the leader and also a bit of a fraud — a suburban dad with a real job on the side. □

Noam Chomsky's wife says reports of famed linguist's death are false

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NEW YORK (AP) — Noam Chomsky's wife, Valeria Wasserman Chomsky, says reports Tuesday that the famed linguist and activist had died are untrue.

"No, it is false," she wrote Tuesday in response to an emailed query from The Associated Press. Noam Chomsky, 95, had been hospitalized in Brazil while recovering from a stroke suffered a year ago, Valeria Chomsky told the AP last week. But the Beneficencia Portuguesa hospital



Jewish-American scholar and activist Noam Chomsky attends a conference at the Islamic University, Oct. 20, 2012, in Gaza City.

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in Sao Paulo said in a statement that Chomsky was discharged on Tuesday to continue his treatment at home.

Earlier Tuesday, Chomsky was trending on X as false reports of his death abounded. Jacobin and The New Statesman published obituaries for Chomsky, though the former changed its headline from "We Remember Noam Chomsky" to "Let's Celebrate Noam Chomsky." The New Statesman took its essay by former Greek finance minister Yanis Va-

roufakis down altogether. Brazilian news site Diario do Centro do Mundo also took down its story announcing Chomsky's death and issued a correction.

The Chomskys have had a residence in Brazil since 2015. Noam Chomsky, known to millions for his criticisms of U.S. foreign policy, taught for decades at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 2017, he joined the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arizona in Tucson. □

Celtics have short to-do list as they look to become 1st repeat NBA champion since 2018

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — It took more than a decade, savvy front office and draft moves, and some free agency luck for the Celtics to ultimately build the roster that brought an end to their 16-year championship drought.

But with NBA Finals MVP Jaylen Brown already locked up long-term and fellow All-Star Jayson Tatum set to join him in the \$300 million club this summer, Boston doesn't have nearly as much work to do this offseason to keep together a core that is set up to become the first team since the 2018 Golden State Warriors to repeat as champions.

In the euphoria of locking up the franchise's record-breaking 18th championship, Celtics majority owner Wyc Grousbeck gave president of basketball operations Brad Stevens a shout-out for finishing a process that began when Stevens was originally hired as Boston's coach in 2013.

"We all watched the team the last few years. Great



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum, center, holds the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy as he celebrates with center Kristaps Porzingis, left, and guard Jaylen Brown, right, after the Celtics won the NBA championship with a Game 5 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday, June 17, 2024, in Boston.

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teams, but not quite there," Grousbeck said. "And Brad was brilliant. We knew we needed to make changes ... and he got it done." Moving away from longtime executive Danny Ainge the architect of Boston's 2008 championship Big 3 of Paul Pierce, Kevin

Garnett and Ray Allen in favor of the 44-year-old Stevens was bold. Now, just three years after being pulled off the sideline, Stevens has made good on the belief that ownership had in him. He did it by taking the war chest of draft picks Ainge

left him and borrowing from the aggressiveness his predecessor was known for to immediately go to work. It started coily with a February 2022 trade deadline acquisition of Derrick White, a young defensive-minded reserve with San Antonio. Then, following the loss to

the Warriors in the Finals, he steered the team through the suspension and ultimate departure of coach Ime Udoka for having an inappropriate relationship with a woman in the organization.

Facing a franchise-altering moment, Stevens leaned on his gut, elevating back bench assistant Joe Mazzulla to the top job.

Then, after a conference finals loss to Miami last season, he did what was originally unthinkable by trading veteran leader Marcus Smart and reigning NBA Sixth Man of the Year Malcolm Brogdon in separate deals that brought in 7-footer Kristaps Porzingis and defensive stalwart Jrue Holiday.

The pair turned out to be the missing links for a team that, including the playoffs, finished 80-21 this season, placing it second in team history behind only the Celtics' 1985-86 championship team that finished 82-18. It also marks the first time in seven seasons the team with the best record during the regular season went on to win the title. □

McLaughlin-Levrone to focus on her best event, the 400 hurdles, at Olympic trials

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone plans on defending her title in the 400-meter hurdles at the Paris Olympics, and has scratched from the 200 and 400-meter flat races that she had originally signed up for. The world-record holder had been entered in all three races for this month's U.S. Olympic trials, but as of Tuesday, she was listed as a "scratch" in the 200 and 400.

"I think we kind of just knew we wanted to come back to the hurdles," McLaughlin-Levrone told The Associated Press at a media gathering to roll out Michael Johnson's new track league.

"Last year was fun trying the (400) and kind of dabbling

in that, and you know, in the future we might come back to that as well, but I think this is kind of just our focus right now."

Last month, McLaughlin-Levrone's coach, Bobby Kersee, hinted at the move, calling the hurdles her "No. 1 event."

Then, later in May, McLaughlin-Levrone ran her first 400 hurdles race in nearly two years. She finished in a time of 52.70, which gave her the Olympic standard.

Earlier this month, McLaughlin-Levrone ran a 400 flat in 48.75 seconds the third fastest time in U.S. history.

This year, the 24-year-old has raced in five different events the 100 and 400 hurdles, the 200 and 400 flat and the 4x100 relay.

She also has an Olympic gold medal in the 4x400 relay.

Ever since winning at the Tokyo Olympics, she has hinted at switching events,

and her intention has been a mystery to most track fans up until the last few weeks. There was virtually no chance of her running in the 400 flat and hurdles because the schedules for those races overlap at the Olympics.

McLaughlin-Levrone first broke the world record at Olympic trials in 2021 and has lowered it three times since, most recently to 50.68 seconds at 2022 world championships in Eugene, Oregon the site of the trials that begin Friday. She was injured during last year's world championships, opening the door for Femke Bol of the Netherlands to take the title. Bol will be McLaughlin-Levrone's biggest challenger in Paris. □



United States' Sydney McLaughlin competes in a women's 400-meter hurdles heat during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Aug. 15, 2016.

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NFL running backs in new places could struggle to match the production they had with original teams

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Saquon Barkley's move from one NFC East team to another gives Philadelphia Eagles coach Nick Sirianni the opportunity to deliver a stinging response whenever a rival fan shouts "Go Giants" at him.

"I typically let it go," Sirianni said. "But if the guy gets me good enough, I usually say, 'You know, I got your best player.'"

Barkley was one of several notable running backs to switch teams for the first time during the offseason. The list includes Washington's Austin Ekeler (formerly with the Los Angeles Chargers), Baltimore's Derrick Henry (Tennessee), Green Bay's Josh Jacobs (Las Vegas), Minnesota's Aaron Jones (Green Bay), Houston's Joe Mixon (Cincinnati) and Tennessee's Tony Pollard (Dallas). All but Ekeler made a Pro Bowl with their original teams.

"It's like a fresh start," said Barkley, who spent six seasons in New York. "I feel like a rookie again."

Recent history suggests Barkley and the other running backs who switched teams could struggle to match the production they had with their original franchises.

According to Sportradar,



Baltimore Ravens running back Derrick Henry (22) works out during an NFL football practice, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in Owings Mills, Md.

only three players have rushed for at least 1,200 yards with multiple teams since 2010: LeSean McCoy (Philadelphia and Buffalo), DeMarco Murray (Dallas and Tennessee) and Christian McCaffrey (Carolina and San Francisco). Barkley, Henry, Jacobs and Mixon have a chance of adding their names to the list.

That's a pretty steep drop, considering 14 different players rushed for 1,200 yards for a second franchise

from 2000-09.

"A lot of it is just nowadays running backs aren't valued as high," said McCoy, who now co-hosts "Speak," a sports talk show on FS1. "Around that time (the early 2000s), they emphasized getting the ball to the running back they emphasized needing just one. Now if you're not that top-top guy, you're splitting carries."

McCaffrey joined an exclusive fraternity last season by becoming just the fourth

running back ever to earn first-team All-Pro honors with multiple teams. The others are Cookie Gilchrist (Buffalo and Denver), Eric Dickerson (Los Angeles Rams and Indianapolis) and Jerome Bettis (Rams and Pittsburgh Steelers).

Henry and Jacobs will try to join that club. Henry earned All-Pro honors with Tennessee in 2020 and Jacobs did the same with Las Vegas two years later.

For Henry, this represents a

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chance to show he still has plenty left to give after leading the NFL in carries four of the last five seasons.

"I think it's taking care of your body, doing the things you need to do to get your body prepared, year in and year out, week in and week out and every single day, making sure that you're at your best, can perform at your best (and) creating good habits with eating healthy," Henry said during his introductory news conference with the Ravens.

"As you get into the league, do more research (on) guys who played a long time. Be a sponge to guys at the running back position or anywhere else and see what they've done to try and implement that into your life, as well. That's all I try to do. I feel great."

Henry, 30, is a throwback to an era when teams ran the ball more often and had one primary running back. He had 2,030 carries during eight seasons at Tennessee. Most of today's top ball carriers don't stay with their original teams nearly that long. For instance, one of Henry's replacements in Tennessee is Pollard, a 27-year-old with only 762 career carries since he was splitting time with Ezekiel Elliott for much of his Dallas tenure. □

Boston College turns to 5-time Olympian Dara Torres to rebuild swim program after hazing scandal



United States' Dara Torres reacts after winning the silver medal in the women's 50-meter freestyle final during the swimming competitions at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Aug. 17, 2008.

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By **JIMMY GOLEN**
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BOSTON (AP) — Boston College has hired five-time Olympian Dara Torres as its swimming and diving coach to help the school rebuild the program after a hazing scandal.

Torres, 57, will coach both the men and women.

"From the moment we met with Dara, it was evident that she was exactly the fit we were looking for to begin a fresh, new chapter of Boston College swimming and diving," BC athletic director Blake James said Tuesday in a statement.

"Her record as a world-class competitor is historic and her ability to clearly articulate her vision as a coach and leader will allow our student-athletes to develop and excel in and out of the pool."

BC suspended the swimming and diving program last fall after allegations that freshmen were coerced into binge drinking and then told to drink their own vomit. Head coach Joe Brinkman, diving coach Jack Lewis and two assistants were fired after the school found "a team culture that has failed to

meet the expectations Boston College holds for its student-athletes."

Torres, 57, was a 28-time All-American at Florida and was named the 1988 Southeastern Conference Female Athlete of the Year. She held six world records and 10 American records in a career that spanned Olympics from 1984-2008, where she won four gold medals, four silver and four bronze.

She is a member of the International Swimming and United States Olympic Committee Halls of Fame. □